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In re Patent Application of:

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Application No.: 08/160,965

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For: VACCINES CONTAINING CYSTEINE  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Patent Examiner dated February 26, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated June 19, 2003, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-35 and 45-47 of the above-identified patent application.

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